

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (currently amended) A data processing apparatus for recommending content to a user; comprising:

receiving means for receiving favorite content lists via a network from a plurality of user terminal devices including the user terminal device corresponding to the user;

a specifying portion for extracting and specifying generating a content list by comparing content listed in the received favorite content lists;

a recommendation list generation portion for assigning points and ranking content in the specified-generated content list and generating a recommendation content list specific to the user based on the ranked content and not including excepting the content of the user's favorite content list; and

transmitting means for transmitting the recommendation content list to the user terminal device corresponding to the user.

Claim 14. (currently amended) A method of recommending content to a user; comprising the steps of:

receiving favorite content lists via a network from a plurality of user terminal devices including the user terminal device corresponding to the user;

extracting and generating specifying a content list by comparing content listed in the received favorite content lists;

assigning points and ranking content in the specified generated content list;

generating a recommendation content list specific to the user based on the ranked content and excepting not including the content of the user's favorite content list; and

transmitting the recommendation content list to the user terminal device corresponding to the user.

Claim 15. (currently amended) A user terminal device connected to a data processing system for recommending content to a user; comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting a favorite content list and a request for a recommendation content list to a data processing apparatus via a network; and

receiving means for receiving the requested recommendation content list;

wherein the recommendation content list is specific to the user and is generated by extracting and specifying a

content list by comparing content listed in favorite content lists from a plurality of users, assigning points and ranking content in the specified-generated content list, and generating the recommendation content list based on the ranked content and excepting-not including the content of the user's favorite content list.

Claim 16. (currently amended) A data processing system for recommending content to a user; comprising:

a plurality of user terminal devices including the user terminal device corresponding to the user, each comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting a favorite content list and a request for a recommendation content list; and

receiving means for receiving the requested recommendation content list; and

a data processing apparatus connected to the plurality of user terminal devices via a network, comprising:

receiving means for receiving the favorite content lists from the plurality of user terminal devices and the request from the user terminal device corresponding to the user;

a specifying portion for extracting and specifying generating a content list by comparing content listed in the received favorite content lists;

a recommendation list generation portion for assigning points and ranking content in the specified-generated content list and generating the recommendation content list specific to the user based on the ranked content and execepting-not including the content of the user's favorite content list; and

transmitting means for transmitting the recommendation content list to the user terminal device corresponding to the user.